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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA GREECE-CYPRUS DEPDIR GUVENDIREN
AUG. 17 AND URGED GOT SUPPORT FOR RESUMPTION OF LEDRA PALACE
TALKS, DRAWING ON POINTS IN REFTEL.

2. GUVENDIREN, AFTER REVIEWING THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TURKISH
POSITION REGARDING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, SAID THAT THE TURKISH
SIDE CONTINUED TO BE READY TO START SERIOUS TALKS ON A CYPRUS
SETTLEMENT AS SOON AS THE GREEK SIDE WAS READY TO DO SO. IN THE
MEANTIME, HE SAID, THE GOT FAVORS THE
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RESUMPTION OF HUMANITARIAN TALKS (I.E.N THE LEDRA PALACE TALKS).

3. THE ONLY AGENDA ITEM FOR THESE TALKS, HE POINTED OUT, WOULD BE THE SITUATION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE TURKISH ZONE AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN THE GREEK ZONE. HOWEVER, SINCE ONLY 127 TURKISH CYPRIOTS REMAIN IN THE GREEK ZONE, THE SUBJECT REALLY WILL BE THE SITUATION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE NORTH. THIS SUBJECT OBVIOUSLY WOULD LEND ITSELF TO USE BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, HE SAID. TO HEAD OFF FURTHER GREEK CYPRIOT PROPAGANDA CHARGES ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE TREATMENT OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE NORTH AND THEIR EXPULSION FROM THEIR HOMES, THE GOT HAS SUGGESTED THAT UNFICYP SCREEN THE APPLICATIONS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS DESIRING TO MOVE OUT OF TURKISH-CONTROLLED TERRITORY. FOR THIS TASK, UNFICYP WOULD NEED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF POSTS IN THE KARPAS PENINSULA. HE SAID THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN PRINCIPLE BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND UNFICYP, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF MATTERS REMAIN TO BE SETTLED, AND THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH AND UN SPECIAL REP PEREZ HAD AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS UNTIL AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT, WHEN THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED, THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS COULD BE USEFUL. HE THEN QUICKLY AMENDED THIS STATEMENT, SAYING THAT TURKEY FAVORED HOLDING THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS IF ONLY TO KEEP LINES OPEN BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES, BUT THAT THE SOONER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND UNFICYP IS SIGNED, THE SOONER TURKEY CAN PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS. HE WENT ON TO REEMPHASIZE THAT THE GOT SUPPORTED RESUMPTION OF HUMANITARIAN TALKS, OBSERVING "WE ALL OWE THAT MUCH TO DR. WALDHEIM."

4. TURNING TO A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS, GUVENDIREN SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE GREEK DESIRE TO PREVENT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) WAS A MAJOR MOTIVATION BEHIND THE LACK OF GREEK SUPPORT FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THE GREEK CYPRIOT DECISION TO TAKE THE CYPRUS ISSUE ONCE MORE TO THE UNGA. HE RECALLED THAT AFTER THE 1975 GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED A CYPRUS RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY, IT TOOK FIVE MONTHS TO GET INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS STARTED AGAIN, AND HE SAID IT WAS AN OPEN QUESTION WHETHER THE PASSAGE OF A SIMILAR OR WORSE RESOLUTION THIS YEAR WOULD FURTHER IMPEDE A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

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GUVENDIREN NOTED ALSO THAT MAKARIOS SEEMS TO BE DEPENDING INCREASINGLY ON THE CYPRUS COMMUNIST PARTY (AKEL) FOR DOMESTIC SUPPORT AND ON COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (SUCH AS CUBA) AND MARXIST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES FOR FOREIGN SUPPORT. HE NOTED THAT THIS TREND WOULD SEEM TO SERVE SOVIET ENDS IN CYPRUS, AND WAS ESPECIALLY OF CONCERN IN VIEW OF SOVIET NAVAL INTERESTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

5. DISCUSSING THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING, GUVENDIREN SAID THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER VEDAT CELIK IS IN KARACHI AWAITING A SRI LANKA DECISION ON A VISA. HE SAID THE SRI LANKA GOVT HAD TAKEN THE POSITION THAT IT COULD NOT ANTICIPATE THE DECISION OF THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING ON WHETHER TO HEAR CELIK, AND THEREFORE ITS DECISION ON A VISA WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT A DECISION AT THE MEETING. HE SAID THE CUBAN DELEGATION WAS IN THE LEAD IN SUPPORTING AN "EXTREME" RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS WHICH WOULD SPECIFICALLY CONDEMN TURKEY. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, THE AFGHANS, LIBYANS AND SAUDIS WERE WORKING FOR A MODERATE RESOLUTION.

6. GUVENDIREN NEXT ALLUDED TO AMBASSADOR ESENBEL'S CALL ON UNDER SECTY HABIB IN CONNECTION WITH HANDLING OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE AT THE UN (STATE 192661). EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE INFORMATION ON HOW OTHER COUNTRIES HAD RESPONDED TO THE TURKISH REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AS REGARDS REFERRAL OF THE CHPRUS ISSUE TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT "ALL THE MOSLEM COUNTRIES" HAD PROMISED TO SUPPORT TURKEY. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE USG ONLY, HE ADDED, THE WEST GERMANS AND THE ITALIANS ALSO HAD RESPONDED POSITIVELY, AND THEY FURTHERMORE SAID THEY WOULD SEEK EC-9 SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE HANDLING. GUVENDIREN SAID THE EC-9 WOULD MEET IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS THE TURKISH REQUEST ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THAT THE GOT WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING THE US MIGHT DO TO STRENGTHEN FRG AND ITALIAN POSITION AS AGAINST EXPECTED FRENCH OPPOSITION.

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